

Did you know that...?

- **The Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) is an entity of State Government?**
 - The ABN functions under the Executive branch of the State of Alabama.
 - The ABN carries out duties assigned to it written by the State Legislature and otherwise accepted into law.
 - The Board Members of the ABN are appointed by the Governor and answer directly to the Governor.
- **The ABN only issues two types of licenses?**
 - The ABN issues LPN & RN licenses. An Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) is issued an approval to practice in the designated specialty.
- **The ABN recognizes four (4) types of Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs)?**
 - They are:
 1. Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)
 2. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
 3. Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
 4. Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- **Two (2) of the four (4) types of APN may prescribe medications and treatments (based upon the individual protocol)?**
 - The CRNP and CNM may prescribe if approved to do so.
- **Professional Associations and Licensing Boards are not the same entity?**

- A professional association is usually a non-profit organization seeking to further a particular profession, the interests of individuals engaged in that profession, and the public interest. See also:
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Professional_association
- A licensing board is an entity of state government to ensure that only those persons educated or otherwise qualified in a given profession hold themselves out to be a member of that profession. States do this to minimize the threat to the public and to prevent incompetent execution of duties. This is a power granted to states by the United States Constitution! See also:
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Professional_licensure_in_the_United_States<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Licensure>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenth_Amendment_to_the_United_States_Constitution

